



City of San Diego

**CARL DEMAIO**  
CITY COUNCILMEMBER –DISTRICT 5

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 28, 2009  
TO: Rules Committee  
FROM: Councilmember Carl DeMaio *Carl DeMaio*  
RE: Council Governance Report

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I respectfully request that the following items from the Council Governance Report be forwarded to the full City Council for consideration:

Reform 1.2: Expand Use of Evening and District Meetings

Adopt the provision for one evening meeting per month, usually to be held at City Hall, on the first Monday of the month, from 4:30 – 9:00 pm. Specify that Non-Agenda Public Comment be included on this day.

Reform 2.2: Expand Access to the Docket

Any item requested by three city councilmembers in writing shall be docketed at full Council within 45 days of the request (not counting legislative recess weeks)- unless the requesting members request an alternative timeline with the Clerk.

Reform 4.1: Clarify Rules for Election of Council Leadership

Adopt report recommendations, with the option of making the Council President term 2 years instead of 1 year.

I appreciate the time that Chairman Hueso and the members of this committee have given to our ongoing efforts to enhance the openness, independence and effectiveness of the City Council.